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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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SUBJECT: NEW PRC AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW

REF: A) KUALA LUMPUR 3462; B) HONG KONG 6380

1. REF A IS CORRECT IN ITS REPORT THAT WANG YU-PING WAS
AMBASSADOR IN HANOI FROM 1969 TO 1974, NOT RPT NOT UNTIL
1971 AS IN REF B.

2. MALAYSIAN COMMISSIONER ZAINAL ADDED A FEW DETAILS TO
AVAILABLE BIO INFO. CONCERNING WANG'S HEALTH, ZAINAL SAID
WANG DISAPPEARED FROM CIRCULATION FOR A WHILE DURING HIS TWO-
YEAR TOUR IN MALAYSIA, BUT HE (ZAINAL) DID NOT KNOW IF IT WAS
DUE TO ILLNESS. HE FOUND WANG TO BE FIT FOR A MAN HIS AGE.
WANG DID RETURN TO PEKING TWICE DURING HIS TOUR, MOST RECENTLY
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AFTER MAO'S DEATH IN LATE 1976.

3. ZAINAL SAID WANG WAS A VERY "COOL PROFESSIONAL" WHO
OBVIOUSLY DID HIS HOMEWORK. IN DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS,
HE WAS ALWAYS CORDIAL BUT FIRM WHILE WILLING TO BE OF
ASSISTANCE WHERE POSSIBLE. WANG'S CONDUCT DURING HIS TOUR IN
KUALA LUMPUR WAS EXEMPLARY, PERHAPS BECAUSE MALAYSIA WAS THE

FIRST ASEAN COUNTRY TO RECOGNIZE THE PRC, AND WANG AND THE EMBASSY WERE UNDER CLOSE SCRUTINY. HE TRAVELED THROUGHOUT MALAYSIA AND SEEMED TO MOVE FREELY IN THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY.

4. PERSONALLY, ZAINAL FOUND WANG TO BE A PLEASANT, SOCIABLE PERSON WHO MADE IT A POINT TO CIRCULATE AT RECEPTIONS. WANG INITIATED ELABORATE DINNERS FOR MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT THE EMBASSY ON ANNIVERSARIES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS -- CAUSING HIS SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES TO FOLLOW SUIT. WANG ALWAYS USED AN INTERPRETER BUT OBVIOUSLY UNDERSTANDS ENGLISH AS HE WOULD OCCASIONALLY CORRECT THE TRANSLATION. HE SMOKES, BUT ONLY CHINESE CIGARETTES.

5. WANG'S WIFE, SHIH HUNG-CHAO, SERVED AS FIRST SECRETARY FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS IN KUALA LUMPUR. ZAINAL HAD NO INFORMATION ON THEIR FAMILY.
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